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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

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Sir:

The following extension of time is requested to respond to the Office Action mailed on April 1, 2003 :

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[] The shortened statutory period has been reset by an Advisory Action dated _____.

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